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Dear Ambassador Butler:

I am writing to ask that you share my heartfelt condolences with the Trajkovski family and Macedonian Prime Minister Branko Crvenkovski. President Trajkovski was a great friend of the United States and a personal friend of mine. We have lost a good and honorable man.

Yesterday, I briefly spoke on the floor of the House of Representatives about the tragic loss of a great man of faith and conviction. These remarks were included in the Congressional Record, a copy of which I have enclosed. I would appreciate your sharing my statement when you extend my condolences.

I respect and appreciate your service to the American and Macedonian people, and I also appreciate your assistance during this sad time.

Best wishes.

